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The drying up a single tear has more
Of honest fame, than shedding seas
of gore.

—Lord Byron.

Col. Roosevelt at Battle Creek

The arraignment by Colonel Roosevelt of President Wilson's administration in his speech at Battle Creek on Saturday was sweeping and direct. We do not know what the democratic partisans will have to say about it. Replying to the attacks of Mr. Hughes upon the administration they have called him a scold; they have said that he has proposed nothing constructive; they have asked: "What would you have done, Mr. Hughes?" Of course, the inquiry was a childish one, but it was made to serve as a reply.

But it cannot in any circumstances be a reply to the speech of Colonel Roosevelt, for he says plainly what he would have done and he points to the record of things he actually did when confronted by similar difficulties at home and abroad. He may have left himself open to the charge of exceeding his authority, for instance, in enforcing an arbitration of the anthracite strike upon unwilling and powerful corporations, but the strike was ended in such a manner as to increase the confidence of the people in President Roosevelt. If he had not gained the love of the coal barons and the coal carriers he had, at least, won their respect and fear.

In contrast with the conduct of President Roosevelt in that inquiry we have the weakness, the cowardice, the bowing to political expediency of President Wilson when he yielded to the demands of the brotherhoods and permitted their leaders to sit in the galleries of the house and senate with "watch in hand" ordering the congress to accede to their demands and investigate afterwards. It has been said that our government had never been so humiliated since it was sent scurrying out of Washington in 1812 in the face of an inferior force of British who burned the capital.

Colonel Roosevelt unveils the disgrace of our Mexican relations, in which the administration has shifted ground back and forth and finally has sought most crudely to deceive the American people. He might have added, if the information had been available, that the administration and the "kitchen cabinet" had finally prepared the Carranza proclamation which paved the way for the farce at New London, where we are engaged in negotiating, we do not know what and for a purpose, we do not know what.

Colonel Roosevelt makes a point of the fact that the aim of the administration seems to be to prevent the denouement of any of its failures until after election day. The test of the eight hour law was not to be made until after election day. The New London conference can possibly achieve nothing but to keep the useless American troops in Mexico until after election day. Nothing is being done until after election day, for everything done is a blunder.

The vacillation of President Wilson was never so pitifully exposed as it has been done by Colonel Roosevelt in his Battle Creek speech, and we believe it has never before been made so clear to the American people how they have been humiliated and degraded in the eyes of the world by the cowardice of the president, whose only consistent purpose in the four years he has been in office has been to succeed himself.

The Year's Cotton

The long staple cotton industry in this valley has been very satisfactory this year. Cotton is selling at thirty cents a pound as against about twenty-two cents last year. Cotton seed is also proportionately higher. The yield, too, has been good, as it will always be in this valley if proper care is taken in the planting and cultivating of the crop. The growers here are not dependent upon uncertain rain; there is no fear of pests. Nothing can be surer than an abundant cotton crop. Nothing need be left to chance.

Something less than 4,000 acres of land was planted to cotton in the valley this year. We have been told that in the Mesa country about 6,000 acres will be planted next year. The labor problem has presented no extraordinary difficulties and it is not believed there will be any with an acreage under 40,000, which officials of the agriculture department have named as the limit for this valley.

The yield this year has run from three-quarters of a bale to a bale and a half per acre, so that the gross proceeds range from \$112.50 to \$225 per acre. From either sum, when the cost of planting and caring for the crop has been deducted, there is a handsome remainder. This reminds us of a statement made in Boston lately by a representative of the department of agriculture. Speaking of long staple cotton and its growth in the Salt River valley, he said that he had never visited that region, but from what he had heard of it that land ought to be worth \$1,000 an acre.

It will, perhaps, be a long time before land will be worth so much here, but one thing seems very sure, and that is that with the growth of the cotton raising industry land will be in much greater demand than ever and the price will be higher.

The Origin of the Folly

Readers of The Republican will recall this paper's report of that part of the speech of Senator Ashurst last Thursday night relating to the strain upon railway engineers, imposed by the frequency of signals, six a second passing by him with the rapidity of the pictures on a film.

The Republican reporter estimated that there was one of these signals every fifteen feet. We would admit that that would impose something of a strain. We wondered where Henry acquired that curious

notion; whether he really believed it and whether, if so, he expected any intelligent member of his audience to be so foolish.

But it transpires that Henry was not the originator of this extraordinary theory of the engine drivers' strain. He had doubtless heard it from Senator Reed of Missouri, according to the following communication from Mr. Francis Ralston Welsh, quoting from the Railway Age Gazette, which it will be observed arrived at almost the same mathematic conclusion reached by The Republican reporter.

As a reason for advocating the eight hour law Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, a democrat, said: "I talked with a man who is manifestly more than half a nervous wreck. He used to pull the Twentieth Century Limited between Chicago and New York. He told me that by actual mathematics it could be demonstrated that upon that run the engineer holding that throttle had to read and record in his own brain six signals every second. Eight hours a day is long enough for that kind of labor. Eight hours is long enough for the passengers to ride behind a man under that kind of a strain." The truth, as pointed out by the Railway Age Gazette, is that this train is run by seven successive engineers, no one of which runs over four hours, and that each receives considerably more than a day's pay for three or four hours' work. Even if the train ran all the way at 60 miles an hour, it would travel but 88 feet a second, so six signals a second would mean one each 14 2/3 feet! Do we want our laws made by people who give vent to such manifest folly?

Sensible Suggestion

The United States geological survey has just printed the third edition of its bulletin containing suggestions to authors who submit papers on geological matters. The hints on style constitute a notably clear and practical treatise on English rhetoric. There are few writers who would not profit by a careful study of the pungent suggestions for avoiding prevalent faults.

The editor of the publication, George McClane Wood, points out that many writers have a habit of beginning sentences with "There are" and "It is." He gives as an example the sentence, "There are many other primary minerals containing phosphorus," which would be better, "Many other primary minerals contain phosphorus." He warns one against a sentence like this: "Precipitation of silver is accomplished in many ways" instead of "Silver is precipitated in many ways." He justly observes that writers of such sentences "use up" their principal verb in the subject, and are compelled to hunt a synonym for the predicate. He points out, also, the undesirability of changing from the active to the passive voice, as in the sentence, "Water absorbed at the surface percolates downward until the zone of saturation is reached." A better construction would be, "until it reaches the zone of saturation."

Mr. Wood makes no attempt to teach "fine writing." His object is to induce writers to adopt the clear, concise style that is most suitable for geological reports. But his suggestions are equally useful to all classes of writers. There are imbecilities and redundancies into which a large number of writers fall, even those of good standing. Mr. Wood's bulletin is, so to speak, a fine-tooth comb, which, if diligently applied, will clear away many blemishes of style.

The demand for the short ballot has been reinforced by the paper manufacturers, who say that the large, cumbersome blanket ballots will contribute measurably to a paper famine. Steps are being taken in Nebraska for reducing the size of the ballot in the interest of paper conservation.

Again the calendar manufacturers have made a mistake, as we can prove by any Phoenix boy or girl today. They have neglected to print the square containing "Oct. 2" red. But perhaps they didn't know the circus was coming.

We suspected that some extraordinary things were going on in the White House in connection with the Mexican situation, but we had not suspected the use of "loaded dice."

John Lind, it appears, is a man of sluggish memory which must have lately been reawakened by Mr. Ralph H. Cole of Pasadena.

WHEN WAR CALLS THE WOMEN

A British industrial and engineering commission lately visited France to investigate the source of the greatly increased production of munitions in that country. The commission found its answer to be the patriotism of the women of France.

The commission finds no jealousy on the part of the men of France of women's encroachment on what was once their realm. The commission visited twenty-three establishments engaged in munitions work. It reports no general application for advance in wages have been made by the work people since the war began. The commission also discovers that erection and equipment for the factories is due to private enterprise and patriotism, and that none has been subsidized by the government, nor has loans of any kind been made to the owners. Countless shops have abandoned their normal manufacture and adapted machinery to the making of munitions.

The commission found many of the small shops manned by various members of a family, and working day and night; perhaps the day shift was superintended by the father and daughter and the night shift by the mother and son. The equipment of these little shops might not have been of the best but the spirit was high.

There seems to be no talk of standard hours in embattled France. There is a break of about two hours at noon which enables the women to look after the meals at home and comfort the children. In most cases the shifts change every fortnight, and on the change the work people get twenty-four hours off. No difference is made on Saturdays, the same hours being worked as on other days. In some cases no work is done on Sunday afternoon. In most cases the women work the same hours as the men, an allowance being made, however, for time spent on tramway journeys to avoid congestion. There is no restriction on the work which the women may do.

The commission notes with approval the specialization of the factories, most of them devoting themselves to one specific article which results in a uniform system of labor distribution. It appears that the output of small work by the women in some cases exceeds that of the men, and the almost entire absence of lost time is noteworthy. In one factory employing 10,000 people there were many days when not one late start was registered.

The commission was impressed with the extent to which the French factories have been able to import machinery, this coming mainly from America, but often from Britain and Switzerland.

The necessities of a belated country develop strange capacities. In one factory of 41 women engaged in boring, 15 were housewives; one was a corset maker; 20 were factory girls, four were mechanics and one was a florist. In this same factory of 848 women making fuses, 470 had been making trousers.

Women who were formerly dressmakers, children's nurses, weavers, tulle makers, cashiers, hair dressers and typists also were among the thousands upon thousands of those who are now turning out the food for the weapons of France.

The average pay per day is: For laborers, 6.91 francs (a little more than \$1.20); for machine men, 10.42 francs (a little more than \$2); for skilled workers, 12.23 francs (about \$2.50); for females a minimum of 2.53 francs (a little more than 60 cents); mean wages, 5.95 (about \$1.20).

ALL POLITICAL PARTIES
IN UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT

Every political partisan in the state of Arizona, insistently and unanimously agree that the most important work that anybody can do during the next two weeks is to register all eligible voters. Registration closes on October 15, and the time is getting dangerously short for those who have thus far neglected this important duty—and there are lots of them.

In Maricopa county less than 17,000 registered before the primary, and since then only about 400 more have registered. There are thousands of eligibles who are yet hiding in the brush. With most of the male voters, it is a matter of thoughtlessness or procrastination. With some of them, it may be a lack of interest. With the women who have not yet registered, and there are many of them, there are added reasons. Some are not yet convinced that they want to vote. Others, having never registered, have not "got the habit," are diffident about "mixing in politics," or fearful they will make some embarrassing mistake and do not want to seek the registering office alone.

The directions for registering are very simple. Enter the front door of the county court house and proceed to the first hall on the left side of the corridor. At the end of it will be found the office of the county recorder and right inside the door, Miss Edith Jacobs, or some other capable official will greet the visitor and the rest is so easy that it is properly done. If the voter is too far away to conveniently reach the court house, he can register with any justice of the peace in the county. But by no means should he register somewhere and do it now. Sundry central committees and clubs and leagues are all doing what they can to stimulate registration but the voter should wait for them. He should act on his own initiative in this important matter.

Gilbert News Notes

EDDY-SUMWAY
Saturday afternoon in Phoenix occurred the marriage of Miss Zina Sumway of Mesa to Mr. John W. Eddy. The service was read by Judge Stanford in his chambers in the presence of a few relatives and close friends of the contracting parties. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Sumway who have made their home in Mesa for many years. John is one of Gilbert's most promising young men, well known and respected by a host of friends. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Eddy, who came to Gilbert about five years ago, which place has been his home until about a year ago took a position in the Mesa City bank as bookkeeper. John attended the Mesa High school for two years and graduated with the class of '15. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous life is extended to John and his bride from their Gilbert friends.

Miss Velleda Hurst has been on the sick list since her return from a few months' visit in Kansas.

BETTER STREETS
Gilbert folks were not satisfied with their already good street, but are now working on the north half of Main street. That portion has been closed for nearly a week, making it somewhat inconvenient to get to the stores, but when the work is completed there will be much more satisfaction in getting through the town, and Main street will be one worth while.

PARENT TEACHERS' MEETING
The first meeting in the interest of the Parent Teachers' Society of Gilbert was held last Tuesday night. Officers as follows were elected: Prof. Cordel, president; Mrs. Evert Wilbur, vice president; Miss Barkley, secretary and treasurer. Quite a crowd was present and demonstrated their interest in the work for the coming year.

FIRST COOKED FOOD SALE
The Ladies Aid Society wishes to make known their gratitude for the liberal patronage extended to them at our cooked food sale given last Saturday at Davis' store.

THE LADIES' AID
After a two months' vacation, the Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Cora Brass and elected new officers for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. Tom Hurst, president; Mrs. Brass, vice president; Mrs. Barkley, secretary and Mrs. Lucy, treasurer. The first work accomplished by the aid this year, was the food sale held last Saturday. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Evert Wilbur in two weeks.

RECEPTION OF TEACHERS
A large audience of patrons and friends assembled at the school auditorium Friday night and gave the faculty a royal reception. After the program was dispensed with, cake and ice cream were served on the east porch.

ANOZIRAS
Mrs. George Peterson will entertain the Anozira ladies next Wednesday afternoon at her home on the Baseline road.

PUBLIC SALE
Mr. Welch and Towley held a joint public sale today at the Welch ranch. Quite a large crowd attended.

Teacherage
The pretty little cottage in the school house court is nearing completion. Professor and Mrs. Cordel will occupy the same as soon as it is ready for occupancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cummings are visiting friends in Tempe this week. Mrs. Cummings was formerly Sarah J. Case and taught school at Gilbert two years ago.

CONTRACTORS HERE
The contractors have arrived and have begun work on the erection of an additional building to the Gilbert school. The manual training work will be carried on in the small building on the school ground.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST
The Sunday school contest between the Reds and the Blues for membership grows in interest from Sunday to Sunday. The school has increased 100 per cent with the Reds in the lead. Come.

RALLY
There will be a Republican rally Saturday night at the Gilbert school house. Four important speakers will be present.

Mrs. Robert Longmore and Mrs. L. R. Mumford of Mesa, spent the day Tuesday with Mrs. Tom Hurst.

BACK TO GILBERT
L. M. Leeds of Guthrie, Texas, will arrive in Gilbert in a few days to take a position as horseshoer and blacksmith with Mr. T. F. Burns. This will be quite a help to Gilbert as people have been compelled to go to other towns to get their horses shod.

A word to those who are eligible but "not interested," either man or woman. You may not have a special interest in any particular candidate today but it is almost a certainty that before election day you will be interested in at least one candidate, and it is hoped in some complete set of candidates. It costs nothing to register and if you do not register you cannot vote no matter how much you want to a couple of weeks later.

A word to the women in particular. Perhaps you never voted and are not now inclined to vote. It should be borne in mind that voting is not only a privilege but a duty. In the case of others the duty has been thrust upon them. It is virtually a command to all good citizens. The privilege extended to "bad people" makes the duty imperative on good people. Let's vote—all of us, one way or another. We may know nothing about some of the candidates but we can find out something about all of them before election day, and it is more than an even bet that any eligible person who fails to register, will live to regret it. One man had the right idea who said when he registered: "I don't know anybody now that I am particularly anxious to vote for but there is always somebody I want to vote against."

And this is presidential year. Everybody wants to vote for president if he is a truly representative American and one will admit that he is not a good American, even if he isn't. Naturally most people in Arizona want to vote for Hughes, for obvious reasons. But suppose for argument's sake, that one wanted to vote for Mr. Wilson. He cannot do it unless he registers. It takes a Wilson voter when registering, the chance of being converted to Hughes before election day but if he is a good sport he will register just the same.

GOOD WOMAN GONE

Gilbert and vicinity were shocked Friday morning to learn of the death of Mrs. H. B. Lang who died that morning at 5 a. m. at the St. Joseph's hospital in Phoenix, after an illness of six weeks. She had been taken to the hospital about four weeks ago, where the conference is being held.

COMING ANG GOING

Mr. Campbell and Eads, candidates for governor and congress respectively, were Gilbert visitors Tuesday noon. Mr. P. S. Lucy was a Phoenix visitor Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. York and daughter, Miss Mattie York, Miss Emma French and Miss Reeder, all of Tempe, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hurst.

Mr. R. S. Morris returned Monday from Pasadena, Calif., after a few weeks' absence.

Mrs. Sam Alger and children will start for Salt Lake City Sunday, after having been called to Gilbert about a month ago on account of the sickness and death of her mother, Mrs. H. B. Lang.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burk and children returned to Gilbert this week after a few months' stay in Texas, where they went in hope that the change might be beneficial to Mr. Burk's health.

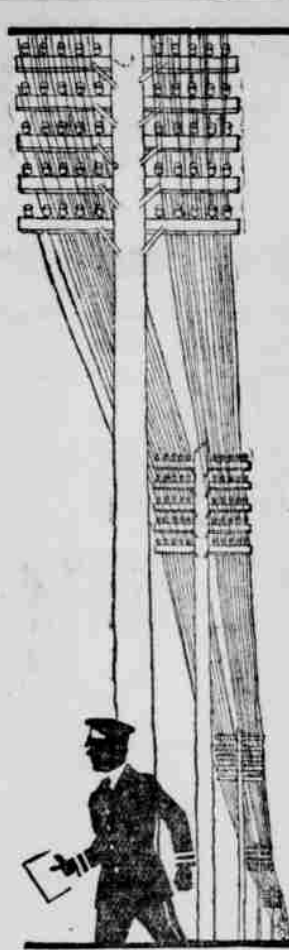
Mr. and Mrs. James Heit moved Tuesday from the Burk ranch to their own ranch which they recently purchased on the Base Line.

CASA GRANDE

At a recent meeting of the Casa Grande Valley Water Users' Association, Attorney Truesdale, Chief Engineer Reede and C. L. Olberg of the United States Indian department met with them and conferred as to what was to be done to adjust the claims to the waters of the Gila river. Judge John H. Campbell of Tucson, attorney for the local association was present.

Charles R. Sligh, who has much land under the proposed dam, and numerous others, it was decided to formulate a plan by which all legal claimants may be equitably allotted and after submitting to the secretary of the interior submit it to the land holders by which all shall receive a just proportion of water from the diversion dam when completed. It is hoped this matter may be settled by January 1st, 1917.

Mrs. Anna Pitzer and sister Miss Gilliland who spent two weeks in Casa Grande having improvements made on their land left Tuesday for their winter home in Phoenix.



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John T. Miles and Josiah E. Thomas, officials of the Cambrian club of America, spent a few days here during the week looking the valley over with a view to establishing a Scotch colony in Pinal county.

Immigration Commissioner W. Ward Davies has been in correspondence with these gentlemen for some time, hence they were much pleased with their inspection.

Mrs. Jack Crossman of Tucson who was down staying with her mother, Mrs. G. P. Wood, while father and brother were in California, returned to her home on Friday.

Perry Wood and Clarence Wilson, who toured California during vacation, going to San Diego and visiting the exposition, then staying some time in Los Angeles with relatives arrived home Wednesday. They returned by way of Needles, Prescott, Phoenix, etc., and report no trouble, other than very rough roads, taking them five days to make the trip from Los Angeles. They were joined in Los Angeles by O. P. Wood who returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Armenia Ramon and Miss Lupe Armenia spent a few days in Ajo during the week, going over in their Studebaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woolpert, (Nana Bailey) who were married recently on Los Angeles arrived here Monday and will spend a couple of weeks with friends before proceeding to their new home at Sasco.

Fred Elwardt has been showing Mr. James Gillespie of Los Angeles over the valley this week. Mr. Gillespie seems very much pleased and will probably invest and make his home with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cates have returned from a short visit to El Paso where they met a number of relatives and friends from the old home among the Kentucky Guardsmen now stationed in the Paso City.

Mr. C. C. Nicoll joined Mrs. Nicoll here this week for a visit as he is en route to Douglas via Sasco and Tucson. Mrs. Nicoll has been spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. J. A. McCord.

Mrs. Hulda Elliot is spending a few days in Tucson with friends. Irwin Wilcox paid a short visit to Phoenix this week.

Mr. Ramesberger, who has been working at Ajo for some time has returned home.

Earl Smiley of Glendale came over Wednesday for a short visit.

W. E. Wooten purchased the ranch from W. W. Cates near the Half Way house a couple of weeks ago, and has moved his family from town out to it. Mr. Wooten is having a new house built and is preparing to sow grain.

On Monday afternoon the engine of his pumping plant was started up and for some unexplained reason suddenly exploded. No one was near enough to be injured though the plant was completely destroyed.

Mrs. W. S. Lawson who spent the summer in Tucson returned Sunday evening. Mr. Lawson going down Saturday and driving her back in the automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark McNatt and Mrs. A. T. McKinley spent a few days in Ajo motoring over on Wednesday, to view the "Big Camp."

Dr. E. J. Gungl came in Monday from the Coast where he recovered from hay fever which had annoyed him for some time. Mrs. Gungl and Helen will return later.

Mrs. Ben S. Wilson was electing school in Florence on Friday for superintendent of schools for Pinal county, on the republican ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McKinley entertained at a four course dinner on Monday evening in honor of Ray Woolpert and bride when covers were laid for twelve. After serving of the dessert, a case of thirty pieces of silver was showered on the couple by the guests present. Dancing was indulged in later. Present were the hosts Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Woolpert, Mrs. Forham, Misses Enlow, Grissow and Humphries, Messrs. Ed Humphries, Nieser, Gaar and Elmer Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Randolph of Phoenix were business visitors in Casa Grande during the week. Nelson Standfield made final proof on his homestead on Friday the 29th.

Mrs. Bootie of Phoenix came over Monday to help care for little Bernice Stoner who was quite ill, and will be the guest of Ed and Mrs. Stoner for several weeks. Bill Stoner, who spent the summer at Sawtelle, California, is also at the home of E. R. Stoner.

Major and Mrs. Geo. W. Burgess are spending several days in Phoenix. Mrs. James R. Renner will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. W. Ward Davies arriving Friday night.

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